THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN); (a) and (b) The amendment proposals to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 are under consideration of the Government. However, given the procedure Involved, it is not possible to specify any time limit at this stage.

Social Security Schemes

2294. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Social Security Schemes inforce for welfare of the workers;

(b) the funds of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) accumulated upto the 31st March, 2002 and the manner in which it is being invested;

(c) the annual income from such investments and the manner tn which it is being utilised; and

(d) the details of the unclaimed amount upto the 31st March, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Various Social Security Schemes for the benefit of workers are available through the Employees Provident Fund Scheme 1952, Employees Deposit-Linked Insurance Scheme 1976, Employees Pension Scheme 1995, Employees' State Insurance Scheme 1948, Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 and the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972. The Government has recently launched a Social Security Scheme for agricultural labour namely 'Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana, 2001' and Janshree Bima Yojana to provide life insurance protection to the rural and urban poor. In addition, the Government has enacted legislations to provide Social Security to the specified unorganised sector workers such as the Beedi Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 1976, the Iron Ore, Manganese Ore and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1976 and the Cine Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 1981.

(b) The total investment corpus of Employees Provident (unexempted sector) as on 31.3.2002 was Rs. 102,163.06 crore. The money is being Invested as per the pattern of investment prescribed by

the Government of India under para 52 of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme, 1952.

(c) The total interest earning during the year 2001-2002 on the Employees Provident Fund was Rs. 9613.16 crore. The interest income is reinvested as per the extent pattern of investment.

(d) Upto 31.3.2002 the total unclaimed amount was Rs. 381.91 crore.

Expenditure on per I.P. Family Unit

2295. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government to increase the ceiling of expenditure on the scheme per LP. family unit per annum;

(b) if so, what is the present status; and

(c) by when a decision would be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and {c)The ESI Corporation has entrusted Indian Institute of Management (HM) Ahmedabad to conduct a study & suggest a reasonable ceiling. The report is likely to be received by the end of February, 2003 and on its receipt, the same will be placed before the ESI Corporation for taking a decision on the same.

Identity Cards to ESI Beneficiaries

†2296. SHRl BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Government order most of the people availing services of the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESI), who have been asked to get computerized identity cards within 15 days, have been deprived of the services since the first September, of this year;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.